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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Unified CORONA Management

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OBJECTIVES IN UNIFYING THE CORONA/MURAL program

1. Assign to one Program Director the single management responsibility for developing, testing, and employing CORONA/MURAL satellite systems. This includes responsibility to the DNRO for:

a. Development, launching, tracking, recovery, and product delivery of CORONA/MURAL satellite systems in accordance with approved schedules.

b. System Engineering/Technical Direction authority and control over all system and associate contractors.

c. Technical direction authority and control of engineering changes recommended by the CCB within limits expressed by the DNRO.

d. Contract administration of all contracts pertaining to CORONA/MURAL satellite systems.

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e. Directive control over all NRO representatives stationed at contractors' plants.

f. Programming and budgeting responsibility to the DNRO for approved programs.

g. Accountability to the DNRO for reporting program and financial progress on all applicable contracts.

h. Utilization of DOD and CIA special skills, capabilities, and resources to achieve maximum program accomplishment.

Present Deficiencies

1. Director Program A has overall responsibility but does not control all elements essential to managing the CORONA/MURAL CM-J programs effectively.

a. Does not administer all pertinent contracts.

b. Does not have directive control over all contractors involved.

c. Does not have control over all NRO representatives at contractors' plants.

d. Does not have complete programming and budgeting responsibility.

Configuration Control Board Membership

CORONA/MURAL

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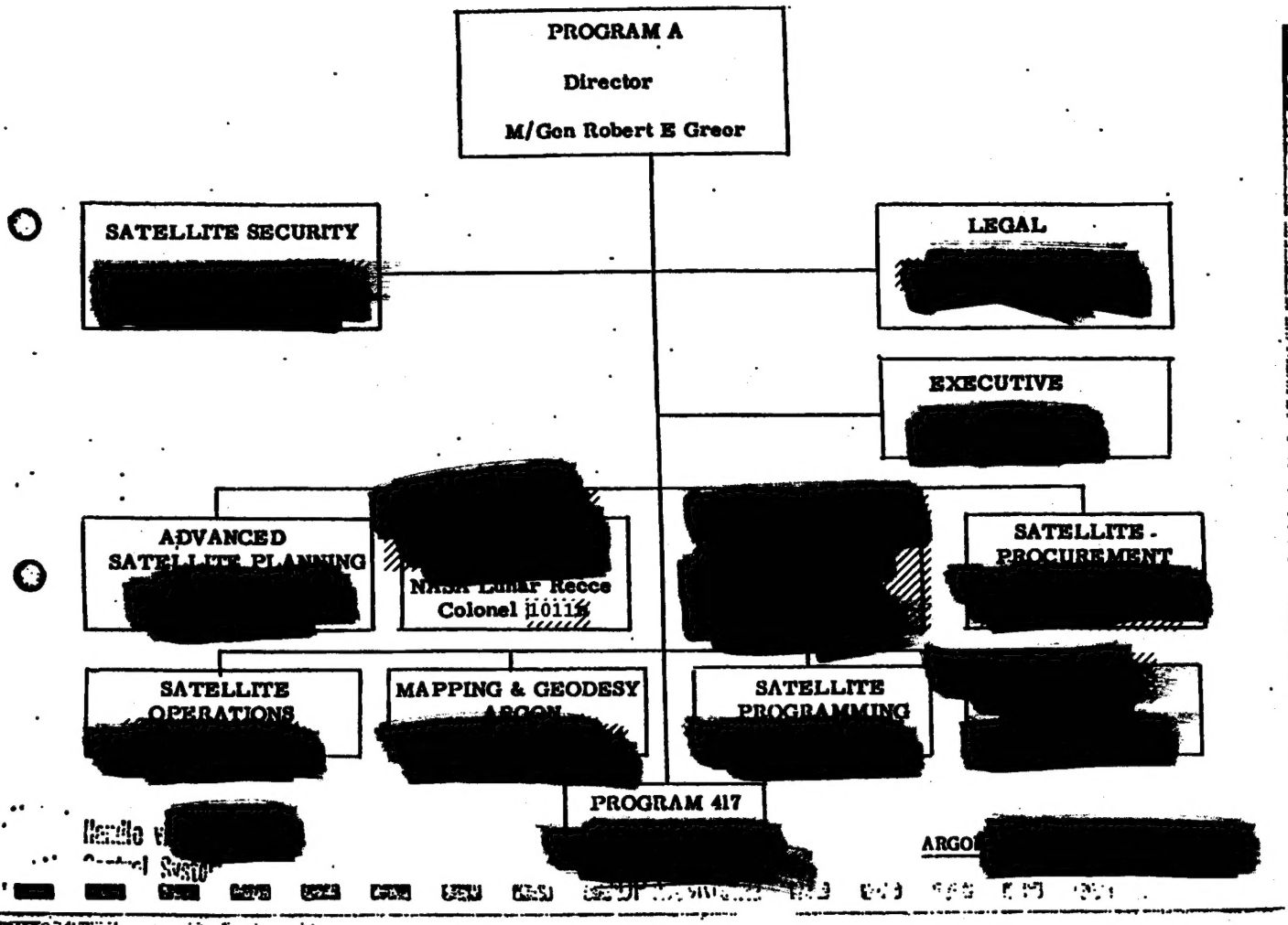
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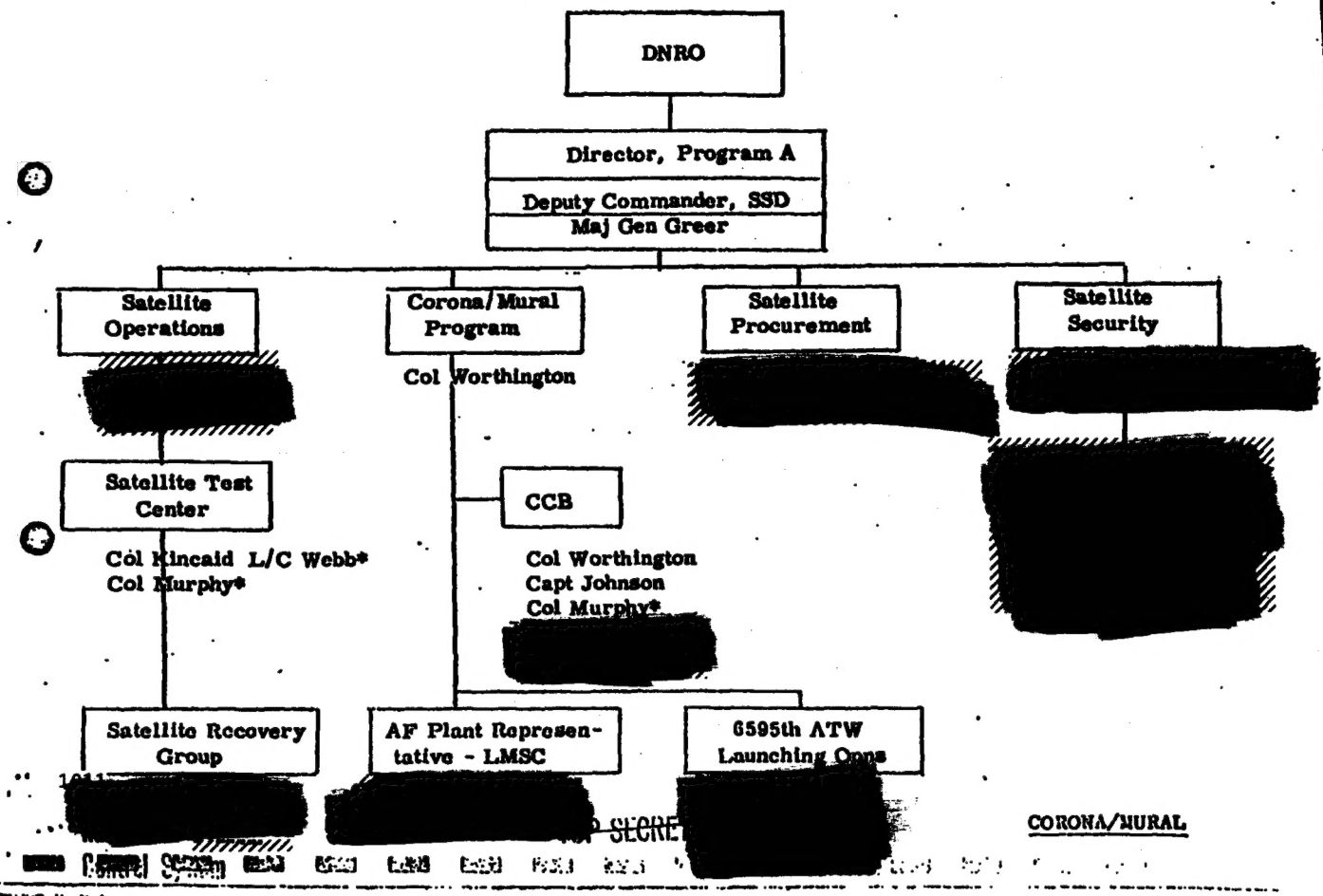

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